

Our Altar Flowers this morning  
are given in loving memory of  
*Marlene Follas*  
by the Dettrow family



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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS  
**May 28 - September 3**  
ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM  
*Join us in-house or online.  
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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*The nursery & AWE  
will be available each week.*

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*We need your help!*  
**CREW LEADERS STATION LEADERS**  
CONTACT CRISTI @ EXT 306

June 5-8  
2023

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:  
use this link to sign up!  
[vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs](https://vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs)

Or visit our website:  
[vanwertfirst.net/vbs](https://vanwertfirst.net/vbs)

**Vacation Bible School** JUNE 5-8 8:30-11:30am  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thursday  
May 23rd 6pm  
Dr. Scheidt Room

**CARDBOARD BOX CITY**  
*Meeting*

Everyone welcome  
who wants to help!

May 21, 2023 8:15 am  
We Live for God in Hard Times  
Pastor Chris Farmer

*Food and Supply  
Donation Boards  
are across from the office!*  
PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY JUNE 11

*Youth Mission Trip*  
June 21-28, 2023

**High School / Middle School**  
YOUTH ATTENDING: 13  
ADULTS ATTENDING: 8

**Dominican Republic**

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so we can update your records!  
EMAIL US AT: [firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net)

SEE JODY  
FOR UPDATES TO:

- ADDRESSES
- PHONE NUMBERS
- MARITAL STATUS
- BIRTHS, ETC.

Our Vision Statement:  
***Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus***  
***Thanks for joining us today!*** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# 8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2023

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. (1 Peter 4:12-13)*

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

*Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

## The Gathering:

### Welcome and Introduction:

John White

### \*Praise Songs:

Jenna Wheeler

*This is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickham  
*How He Loves* by The David Crowder Band

### \*Opening Prayer:

Pastor Chris Farmer

### Chat with the Children:

*Children released to AWE*

Judy Krites

### Church Life I:

John White

### PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

“Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime. Amen.”

### Giving of Tithes & Offerings:

\*Offertory: *This is Amazing Grace* by Phil Wickham  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

John White  
Jenna Wheeler  
John White

### \*Scripture:

I Peter 4:1-2; 12-19

Pastor Chris Farmer

### Series:

Who We Are

### Sermon:

“We Live for God in Hard Times”

Pastor Chris Farmer

Song: *You Say* by Lauren Daigle

Jenna Wheeler

### Prayers with the People:

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Chris Farmer

### Church Life II:

Pastor Chris Farmer

### \*Benediction:

Pastor Chris Farmer

Our 4 high school graduates will be in the back of Krout after each service for you to leave advice, drop a card, or congratulate them.



### Leaders in Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship Assistant: John White

Praise & Worship Guest Leader: Jenna Wheeler

Sound: Kent Smelser

Projectionist: Jill Smelser

Videographer: Noah Carter

Graphics: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle

### KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

**Nursery Ministry** (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

**8:15 AWE** - AWE is an exciting time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.